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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 26 November 1968

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Godfrey advised that all the indicators point to an imminent joint US-South Vietnamese statement announcing South Vietnamese participation in the Paris talks.

*D/ONE reported that the Army is not satisfied with the attention devoted to chemical and biological warfare in NIE 11-14 and has renewed its request for an Estimate on this matter alone. The Director advised that the Estimate should be done.

DD/S reported that there were no Agency employees on the Air America transport which crashed yesterday.

Carver reported that a prisoner was obtained in the DMZ and is being interrogated.

Maury noted that Congressman Rivers inquired whether the plane hijackings point to any pattern suggesting a Cuban plot, and he was advised to the contrary.

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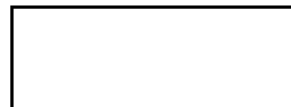
DD/I suggested that the FAA might usefully be advised of our weapon detecting technique. The Director suggested that the FBI might best raise the possibility with the FAA.

The Director advised that he received a request yesterday from a Columbia Spectator reporter for an interview on 4 December. The consensus of the Executive Committee was that an interview would be undesirable, and Goodwin was asked to pursue the matter within the bounds of the no-interview caveat.

The Director briefed on yesterday's National Security Council meeting and indicated that the following matters were discussed: conducting overhead reconnaissance of North Vietnam while avoiding counteraction, Ambassador Wiggins' report on the United Nations, Secretary Fowler's report on the monetary crisis, whether the Senate should be called into special session on the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty, and discussion with the Soviets on disarmament.

Goodwin advised it has been announced that Hugh Sidey will replace John Steele as Chief of the Time-Life Washington Bureau.

Goodwin reported that Carl Rowan will be traveling to Yugoslavia next week on an assignment for Reader's Digest.



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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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